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SUBJ: BILATERAL REVIEW OF US-USSR CONSULAR RELATIONS

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1. CONSULAR COUNSELOR RECEIVED LIST OF SOVIET ITEMS FOR BILATERAL
CONSULAR REVIEW FOR MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL N.M.
BULAVIN ON JANUARY 22. INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: QUESTIONS FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY
ON SOVIET AMERICAN CONSULAR RELATIONS, PROPOSED BY
CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION OF MFA, USSR.

1. VISA ISSUANCE TIME FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF CITIZENS
OF THE USSR AND USA.

2. TRANSIT OF SOVIET AIRLINE PASSENGERS THROUGH THE TERRITORY
OF THE USA.

3. WAIVER OF ENTRY/EXIT VISAS TO THE USSR AND USA FOR PAN
AMERICAN AND AEROFLOT AIRPLANE CREW MEMBERS.

4. CONCERNING VISAS IN SOVIET DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS.

5. DELIVERY OF DIPLOMATIC POUCH TO SOVIET CONSULATES GENERAL
IN THE USA.

6. ON THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO EMPLOYEES OF AMTORG IN THE USA.

7. TAXATION.

8. ON THE STATUS OF FAMILY MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE-TECHNICAL
AND SERVICE PERSONNEL OF SOVIET INSTITUTIONS (UCHREZHDENIYA)

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IN THE USA.

9. ON THE CITIZENSHIP OF CHILDREN, BORN IN THE USA, WHOSE FAMILIES ARE SOVIET CITIZENS ON ASSIGNMENT. END QUOTE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO CONSOFF'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN ITEMS, BULAVIN STATED THAT:

ITEM FOUR CONCERNS FACT THAT DIPLOMATIC VISAS ARE NOT ALWAYS ISSUED IN SOVIET DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS;

ITEM FIVE APPEARS TO RELATE TO FACT THAT SOVIET DIPLOMATIC POUCH IN SAN FRANCISCO IS SUBJECTED TO MAGNETIC ANTI-TERRORIST CHECK DEVICE;

ITEM SIX APPEARS TO REFER TO REPORTED SOVIET UNHAPPINESS AT THE SWITCH FROM ISSUANCE OF A-2 VISA TO L-1 TO AMTORG EMPLOYEES; ITEM SEVEN APPEARS TO REFER TO LEVY OF CALIFORNIA STATE TAX ON CONGEN SAN FRANCISCO PERSONNEL;

ITEM EIGHT REFERS TO ALLEGED AMBIGUITY OF STATUS OF FAMILY MEMBERS OF NON-DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT PERSONNEL AT SOVIET EMBASSY, WASHINGTON. ACCORDING TO BULAVIN, AGREEMENT CONCERNING THEIR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS IN MOSCOW SPECIFICALLY INCLUDES THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS WHILE THE TERM "FAMILY MEMBERS" IS OMITTED FROM AGREEMENT ON SOVIET SUPPORT PERSONNEL.

4. EMBOFF'S ONLY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT WAS THAT IT IS UNLIKELY US SIDE WOULD BE ABLE TO WAIVE VISAS FOR AIRLINE CREWS AS SUGGESTED IN ITEM THREE, BUT IT POSSIBLE SOME OTHER FACILITATING MEANS COULD BE ARRANGED.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOME OF PROBLEMS LISTED CONTAIN DIFFICULT TECHNICAL ASPECTS, THERE APPEAR TO BE NO POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ISSUES

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